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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRIME MINISTER KARAME (OR TO HIS MOSLEM SUCCESSOR AS PRIME MINISTER, BUT NOT RPT NOT TO ANY ACTING PREMIER). QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: ON THE HOLY OCCASION OF THE ID AL-FITR, I EXTEND THE GOOD WISHES AND PRAYERS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON. GUIDED BY THE TRADITION OF THE DEEP FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS LONG PREVAILED BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES AND OUR SUPPORT FOR LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, ITS COHESION AND NATIONAL UNITY, WE PRAY FOR AN END TO THE TROUBLES WHICH HAVE BESET THE REPUBLIC AND FOR THE PEACE AND HAPPINESS WHICH THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON SO RICHLY DESERVE. IN THIS SPIRIT, YOU HAVE MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THIS BLESSED FEAST AND FOR THE COMING YEAR.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

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2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS

NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. HABIB

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